

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 97

Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 97—Relative to the Staff Sergeant Sky R. Mote Memorial Overcrossing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 97, as introduced, Bigelow. Staff Sergeant Sky R. Mote Memorial Overcrossing.

This measure would designate the overcrossing that spans State Highway Route 50 at Ray Lawyer Drive in the County of El Dorado as the Staff Sergeant Sky R. Mote Memorial Overcrossing. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Sky R. Mote, who was assigned to
2 the 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion at Camp Pendleton,
3 California was killed August 10, 2012, in Helmand province,
4 Afghanistan, along with two other Marines; and
5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Mote was born in Bishop, California
6 to Russell and Cindy Mote, who divorced when he was a young
7 boy, and he was raised by his father and his new wife, Marcia, in
8 El Dorado, California; and

1 WHEREAS, As a boy, Staff Sergeant Mote raised pigs for 4-H,
2 camped with his family, and shoed horses. From an early age, he
3 spoke of joining the military, motivated in part by a love of
4 airplanes and the desire to work with them; and

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Mote graduated from Union Mine
6 High School in El Dorado in 2003 and joined the Marines that
7 same year. He deployed to Iraq as a bomb-disposal specialist, and
8 twice to Afghanistan to work with the Marines special forces; and

9 WHEREAS, After his death, people who served with Staff
10 Sergeant Mote spoke about his heroism in battle. In one case, a
11 captain spoke of stepping on an improvised explosive device in
12 Afghanistan, and of how Mote found his way to him, applying
13 tourniquets and preventing him from bleeding to death; and

14 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Mote received the Navy Cross, a
15 Purple Heart, a Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, a
16 Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two Combat Action
17 Ribbons, and three Good Conduct Medals; and

18 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Mote was unmarried and leaves
19 behind four brothers: Timothy, 37, an Army soldier in Fort Polk,
20 Louisiana; Erick, 30, of Bozeman, Montana; Tyson, 28, of San
21 Francisco; and Carson, 17, a high school student in El Dorado
22 Hills; and

23 WHEREAS, By his undaunted courage, intrepid fighting spirit,
24 and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of certain death, Staff
25 Sergeant Mote saved his comrades from further injury or possibly
26 death, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and upholding
27 the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States
28 Naval Service; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
31 overcrossing that spans State Highway Route 50 at Ray Lawyer
32 Drive at the El Dorado County Veterans Monument/Government
33 Center as the Staff Sergeant Sky R. Mote Memorial Overcrossing;
34 be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
36 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
37 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
38 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations
39 from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and
40 be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
- 3 for appropriate distribution.

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